

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement between two Groups of Claims, Group I for Methods, Claims 1-8; and Group II for Compounds, Claims 9-18. Applicants point out that a preliminary amendment filed October 30, 2007 presented Claims 1-23. Claims 19-23 were method claims that depended on other method claims, and therefore are believed to fall within Group I.

Applicants elect without traverse Group II, claims 9-18, the compound claims and withdraw claims 1-8 from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected group.

For search purposes, and election of the species within the elected group, Applicants elect the Group A (in formula (I) wherein R1 is hexahydrofuro(2,3-b)furanyl). However, Applicants urge the Examiner to search the entire R1 group, subgroups B-F, as a unity with the Group A radical, all of which are substituents within the bigger inventive scaffold of Formula (I). Subdivisional into smaller subgroups is inconsistent with the philosophy of the patent system to have a single invention in a patent. Applicants are aware that the theory behind the restriction requirement is that the different hetero atoms are classified differently, but in this instance, the rest of the molecule is important to the chemical compounds as a class.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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